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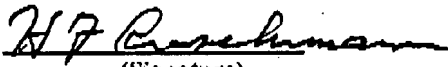
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of June 8, 2007, entry of the present amendment effecting claim amendments to place the application in condition for

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allowance or remove issues from appeal, if required, is respectfully requested. Please  
amend the above-identified patent application as follows: